



# Neighborhood News

**June 2017**

## Canine Neighbors



For the past 40,000 years or so (depending on which scientist you ask), humans and dogs have been living closely together, forming a bond unmatched throughout the animal kingdom. We encourage dog owners to help their canine family members be excellent neighbors that enrich families and communities.

Did you know Cabarrus County law requires dogs to be on a leash any time they are not on their owner's property? To keep your dog safe—even if your dog can be controlled without one—it's best to keep him or her on a leash any time your dog is outdoors and not inside a fence. [Click here to read the Cabarrus County animal restraint ordinance.](#)

Dog owners have the opportunity to protect other animals - aquatic wildlife like fish, crayfish and tadpoles – just by picking up their dog's waste. It's true! Keeping the lawn and sidewalk clean is just one benefit to picking up after your dog. Pet waste left on the ground is carried into local bodies of water via the storm drainage system, and because it contains nitrogen and phosphorus, it causes oxygen depletion in our waterways. Pet waste also contains *E. coli* bacteria which can make waters unsafe for swimming. Learn more at [concordnc.gov/stormwater](http://concordnc.gov/stormwater).

## Spring 2017 Litter Sweep: And the Winners Are...



A big "Thank You" goes out to the following neighborhoods for participating and collecting litter during Spring Litter Sweep—Christenbury, Logan, and Gibson Village. Combined, these three neighborhoods collected 46 bags of litter. In the Most Bags Contest, cash prizes were awarded to Christenbury - \$100, Logan - \$75, Gibson Village - \$50. Please help me congratulate the winners, and we look forward to another successful clean-up in the fall.

The biannual Litter Sweep campaign is designed to recognize neighborhoods that combat litter and beautify their neighborhood. Through coordinating a community cleanup, you can make a visible difference in your neighborhood, and get to know neighbors that

wish to make a difference too! For more information on how participate in the next scheduled Litter Sweep event or organize a community cleanup, call (704) 920-5298.

Did you know you neighborhood can also participate in the City's [Adopt a Street](#), [Clean A Creek](#) and [Adopt A Stream](#) programs? To learn more, visit the City's website or contact your neighborhood liaison.



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## Join Concord 101 to learn more about your community

The City of Concord is accepting applications for the 2017 Concord 101 program, an annual course designed for citizens to learn about their local government. The free fourteen-week session begins August 18 and culminates with a graduation ceremony in November. Residents of Concord age 18 and older are invited to submit an application by July 25. Class size is limited to 30 participants.



The course was designed to give citizens the opportunity to interact closely with City staff members, who will conduct weekly classes from 6:15 until 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Citizens will get a first-hand look at what it takes to run City services such as solid waste, water, police, fire, parks and recreation, and much more. In addition, several community partners will be on board to give a behind-the-scenes look at what makes Concord such a great place to live.

In addition to learning about Concord, the City hopes participants will provide input and take a more active role in their neighborhoods and community. For example, Council Members Jennifer Parsley and John Sweat are Concord 101 alumni.

More information, the application, and the class schedule are available at [concordnc.gov/Concord101](http://concordnc.gov/Concord101). Residents may also call the City Manager's Office with questions at 704-920-5215.

## Good Neighbor Tip: High Grass



Good Neighbors know that grass should be kept neatly mowed. Tall grass promotes pests like ticks, rodents, and snakes, and has a negative effect on the whole neighborhood's appearance. A lawn growing higher than 8 inches in the City of Concord is considered a public nuisance and is subject to code enforcement. Find out more: [concordnc.gov](http://concordnc.gov).

## Public Safety Tip: Plan your National Night Out Event Today America's night out against crime, Tuesday August 1

[Click here to register your neighborhood event.](#)

Concord Police along with the National Association of Town Watch invites you and your community to join over 37.8 million neighbors across 16,124 communities in celebration





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of National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

This year will mark the 16th year of National Night Out celebration for the City of Concord. In observance of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, the Concord Police Department asks that at minimum you leave your porch light on from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The porch light is a symbol of alertness and awareness; it also makes your neighbors and friends feel welcome. Participation is not limited to leaving your porch light on August 1. Police also ask that you take time to get to know your neighbors better. You can do this by going door to door and introducing yourself if you have not done so in the past. Also, organize neighborhood activities such as block parties, cookouts, porch sittings, and other events to show your “no tolerance” for crime.

If you have questions about the City's National Night Out Celebration, contact Sgt. Chris Friguglietti (704) 920- or send email to [Frigugliettic@concordnc.gov](mailto:Frigugliettic@concordnc.gov). To learn more about National Night Out visit [www.nno.org](http://www.nno.org).

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## News Headlines

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### ***Concord City Manager presents 2017-18 budget recommendation***

City Manager Brian Hiatt presented his fiscal year 2017-18 [budget recommendation](#) to the Concord Mayor and City Council at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 30. The City-wide budget totals \$246,574,923. The proposed plan prioritizes investments with a focus on the future, including infrastructure, parks and recreation capital needs, and maintenance of City assets. The City Council will hold a budget workshop at the June 6 work session (4:00 p.m.) and a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 8 during the regular City Council meeting (6:00 p.m.). The recommended budget is available on [concordnc.gov](http://concordnc.gov) and also in print at the City Clerk's office. [Learn more.](#)

### ***Be sure to check out the Summer 2017 City Circular and Leisure Times***

If you have not yet already, you'll soon receive the latest issues of the City Circular and Leisure Times in the mail. The [Summer 2017 City Circular digital edition](#) is available now, where you can read all the articles on your screen of choice. Looking for something from a recent issue? It's in the [digital archives](#) – every story, every photo, and every page. You can also get ready for a summer of fun in the [Leisure Times digital edition](#).

### ***It is not too late to participate in the 2030 Land Use Plan update***

The City of Concord is in the process of updating its Land Use Plan and we need your help. **Please go to [concordnc.gov/2030](http://concordnc.gov/2030) to take a brief survey that will help guide the City of Concord's future development patterns and quality of life.** The planning process will also guide City officials as they develop future budgets, plan infrastructure and other services, make important land use decisions, and revise current policies within the Concord Development Ordinance. We encourage you to keep checking in to learn about additional participation opportunities in the coming months. Public feedback has been collected at several meetings and events, but it is not too late for you to participate in the process!





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## ***McInnis Aquatics Center is now open***

The John F. McInnis Aquatics Center opened for weekend hours on May 27, with weekday hours beginning Monday, June 12. During the season, the pool offers open swim for the community at a minimum fee, water aerobics, and swimming lessons for both youth and adults. For hours and more information on programs please visit [concordparksandrec.org](http://concordparksandrec.org).

## ***Piedmont Farmers Market***

Piedmont Farmers Market operates at Rotary Square (located in downtown Concord at the corner of Union St. and Corban Ave.), Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Both times offer a variety of beautiful and delicious products that are grown or made locally.

## ***Have you experienced great service from Team Concord?***

If you have had an experience from our team that left an impact, we hope you'll let us know so we can recognize that coworker with a "High 5 for Excellent Service." You can get started by visiting [concordnc.gov/High5](http://concordnc.gov/High5) or call 704-920-6400 to submit your acknowledgement over the phone.

## ***Get behind the numbers in Cabarrus Government 101***

Cabarrus County's next Government 101 session is planned for Friday, June 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Cabarrus County Government Center, 65 Church Street SE. The course, FY18 Budget Breakdown, walks residents through the nuances of the upcoming budget. Residents are placed in the center of the budget process and get the opportunity to share their comments with commissioners before the Board of Commissioners votes on the final budget. The free class uses interactive presentations and demonstrations to pull down barriers that can discourage residents from learning how the County spends their tax dollars. Visit [cabarruscounty.us](http://cabarruscounty.us) to learn more and register.

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## Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

### June 1

\*Province Greene - 632 Weyburn Drive, 7PM  
Residents of Historic Concord – Cabarrus Brewing Company, 329 McGill Ave NW, 6PM

### June 5

\*Gable Oaks – Pool, 7pm

### June 6

\*Roberta Farms, Crossroads Church, 220 George W Liles Parkway, 7pm

### June 8

[City Council Meeting – City Hall, 6PM](#)

\*Yates Meadows - Roberta United Methodist Church, 6:30PM

### June 11

Mountain Laurel Annual Meeting/Cookout – Common Area Park, 10AM

### June 12

\*Christenbury HOA – Manor House, 7PM  
Residents of Historic Concord, 7pm  
Oakleaf – Clubhouse, 6PM

### June 13

Silver Hill - Primitive Baptist Church, 6PM  
Gibson Village – Clearwater Artist Studio, 6:30PM  
\*Laurel Park – Community Clubhouse, 6:30PM  
\*Morris Glen - Speedway Club, 6:30PM.  
\*Asheford Greene – TBD, 7PM  
\*Highland Creek - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

*\*Board Meeting*

### June 14

\*Brandon Ridge – Fire Station #8, 7PM  
\*Winding Walk - 10660 Fairwoods Dr, 6PM  
\*Wyndham Place – 434 Wyndham Pl, 2PM

### June 15

\*Covington HOA - Speedway Board Room, 6PM  
[Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 7PM](#)  
Winecoff School Road & Belvedere, Flow Harris  
Presbyterian Church, 7pm

### June 19

\*Kings Crossing - Clubhouse, 6:30PM  
\*Oak Park – Community Clubhouse, 7PM  
\*The Woodlands – 5719 Woodridge Ct NW, 7PM  
\*Weddington Woods - TBD, 7PM

### June 20

[Planning & Zoning, 6PM](#)  
\*Carriage Downs - Clubhouse, 7PM  
\*Boulder Creek – Fire Station #8, 7PM

### June 21

\*Sheffield Manor – Clubhouse, 6:30PM

### June 26

Logan Community Meeting - Logan Multi-Purpose Center, 6PM  
Moss Creek - Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

**Don't see your upcoming meeting on this list? [Click here and provide your updated information.](#)**

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